

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90376

Takayuki KATO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/549,904

Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 7150

Examiner: Elizabeth A. Robinson

Filed: September 20, 2005

For: HOLLOW CERAMICS PARTICLES, HOLLOW CERAMICS PARTICLES-
CONTAINING COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND SLIDING MEMBER

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
April 11, 2008:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) has not been issued.
Accordingly, Applicants request an Examiner's Interview Summary Record in the next Action.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. **Brief description of exhibits or demonstration:** Not applicable.
2. **Identification of claims discussed:** Claims 1-9.

3. **Identification of art discussed:** JP 2003-160330 (“Kato”).

4. **Identification of principal proposed amendments:** Not applicable.

5. **Brief Identification of principal arguments:** Applicants, through representation, stated that the Examiner has made an error in stating that Applicants’ PCT must be filed in English. The effective filing date of a National Stage Application is also the filing date of the national stage application. (See M.P.E.P. § 1893.03(b)). There is no requirement that the PCT application be filed in the English language in order to accord the PCT filing date as U.S. filing date. Under PCT Article 11(3), “an international filing date shall have the effect of a regular national application in each designated State as of the international filing date, which shall be considered to be the actual filing date in each designated State.”

6. **Indication of other pertinent matters discussed:** Applicants, through representation, requested that the finality of the Action be withdrawn and that a new Action be issued.

7. **Results of Interview:** The Examiner concurred and requested that Applicants file a request to withdraw finality.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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